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Dear Ms. Hedges:

**ENTRY OF GROUNDWATER MONITORING INFORMATION INTO APPLICABLE DATA BASES**

The U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (RL), is pleased to hear that you received a prompt response to your request for information on groundwater monitoring well #299-W19-23. In the State of Washington Department of Ecology letter to Leif Erickson and me, from Alisa D. Huckaby, same subject as above, dated April 30, 2001, a concern was expressed that the data for the well had not been entered into the appropriate data bases, and that information in the data bases should be made available to the public. RL concurs that this information should be in the databases and made publicly available. Most Hanford Site monitoring data are routinely entered into the appropriate database, such as the Hanford Environmental Information System. In some cases new data from characterization projects are not entered until completion of a project. The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), through the Groundwater Vadose Zone Integration Project at RL, is working to make sure all relevant information (including that from ongoing RL and DOE Office of River Protection characterization projects) is entered into the appropriate databases by the end of Fiscal Year 2001. In addition, activities are underway to improve access to site database information, including using Web based formats. 54904

RL appreciates your comments and concerns regarding access to site data. If you want to discuss this matter further or require additional information, please contact me at (509) 376-0057.

Sincerely,

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